

Where Is the Church of God?

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BIG SANDY, Texas—Occasionally I hear people discussing the question: Where is the Church of God?

Before a person can answer the question of where the Church of God is, another question must be understood: *What* is the Church of God?

Christ told Peter that the church would be built and that the church would not die (Matthew 16:18). Christ told the disciples that He would be with the saints until the end of the age (Matthew 28:20).

On the Day of Pentecost Peter explained to the people about repentance, baptism and the receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38). About 3,000 people were baptized on that day (Acts 2:41).

Paul regularly reminded Christians of the importance of the Holy Spirit. He reminded Christians that the Spirit of God dwelt in them and that they were the temple of the living God (1 Corinthians 3:16; 2 Corinthians 6:16). He also explained that the Spirit of God identifies saints as the children of God (Romans 8:14-17).

God has chosen saints for salvation through sanctification (2 Thessalonians 2:13). This setting apart is “of the Spirit and belief of the truth” (same verse).

Hence we understand that the Church of God is a spiritual organism. It is comprised of saints who have the Spirit of God dwelling in them. The Bible reminds Christians not to grieve the Spirit (Ephesians 4:30), not to quench the Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19) and to stir up the gift of God (2 Timothy 1:6).

Have you ever focused on Paul’s words in Romans 8:11? The same Spirit that raised up Jesus from the dead will quicken the mortal bodies of Christians: people who have that Spirit dwelling in them.

Now we can return to the original question: Where is the Church of God? Actually, it’s where it has always been. The Church of God is the spiritual organism that will not die—exactly as Jesus Christ promised.